

**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING October 27, 2014
WORKING NOTES**

Member Greenspan called the October 27, 2014 meeting of the Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:05 P.M. in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room.

I. ATTENDANCE

In attendance: Allan Greenspan, Maria Morse, Gina Marino, Drew O'Connor Jeff Levine and Roseann Sessa. Also present, Lisa Zerio, Parks and Recreation Director, Cathy Sylvester, Denise Sanderson and Melodie Peretto.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9/14

Motion made by Member O'Connor to approve minutes of 9/22/14. Member Marino seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Member O'Connor to approve working notes for 9/22/14. Member Marino seconded, motion carried unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Member Greenspan told the board that we received a letter from the RHSC thanking us for helping make their Soccer Bash a success. Ms Zerio said that the Soccer Club did a great job with the cleanup and if they want to do cut it back next year we will make it happen.

IV. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This portion of the meeting is specifically set aside for comments for the public, who are asked to limit their comments to two (2) minutes on any topic.

NONE

Motion made by Member Marino to move up section VI. Item A. to top of agenda. Motion seconded by Member O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

A. SENIOR CENTER SURVEY

Ms Zerio introduced Cathy Sylvester, Senior Supervisor, Denis Sanderson, Elderly Services Coordinator, and Medolie Peretto the Sr. Task Chair to the board. Ms Zerio said that the Senior Affairs Committee asked for a survey to see if it was necessary to expand the senior center. Ms Sanderson gave a recap of surveys that were returned and explained that even though it went out in the quarterly brochure, on our web site, Facebook, etc. out of 1500 seniors only 183 responded. A discussion followed regarding the results and knows is in the hands of the Senior Affairs Committee. Ms Zerio said that the Town Manager is looking into making more space in the Town Hall/Community Center and might be able to accommodate more room for the seniors. The board asked how many seniors came to the center on a daily basis and a discussion followed. Ms Peretto spoke to the board regarding the survey and told them that she thought there were some good points that come through from the survey and mentioned them to the board.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. FIELD USE POLICY

Ms Zerio told the board that she asked to be on the November 17, 2014 agenda regarding the policy. Ms Zerio told the town manager that she would like to get this approved so we can put it in place for the spring sports.

B CHALLENGER FIELD

Member Greenspan told the board that the town council has set up a committee of Brian Dillon, Dave Sevigny, and Jeff Levine to go in front of the gov ops meeting next week to get started on the paperwork of the state. Ms Zerio said we need to call the state rep to get the contract to see what it actually asks for. Member Greenspan said that the Miracle League would bring in the programs and is working well with West Hartford. A discussion followed regarding joining the Miracle League (West Hartford Chapter). Ms Zerio mentioned that she was looking into a new software program for Recreation which will enable us to do on line registration and is on the cloud which will enable her to check field usage on her phone and is very easy to use.

C MCVICAR FIELD – STEAP GRANT

Ms Zerio told the board that she has the paperwork back and will be meeting with Mr. Carpentino and Mr. Sopelak to start working on the bid spec for the field. so we can begin. Ms Zerio said her goal is to start the new turf field at the end of school and be ready to open again the second week in August. A discussion followed regarding the medical issue with chemicals on the artificial surfaced and the construction fencing at the high school.

D. FERRY PARK – BATHROOM

Ma Zerio said that the town has received that signed contract from the state and we will be in charge of maintaining the facility.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. SENIOR CENTER SURVEY

SEE ABOVE

C. UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Ms Zerio said that the Fallfest was a good event and we receive good feedback from residents. Ms Zerio said that we just had the last class for the sidekicks and had an end of program party there were a total of 21 children enrolled. The next program is next Sea Cub program will begin in January.

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VII. OTHER

Ms Zerio told the board the the CRPA conference is on November 24th and Member Marino and herself will not be able to attend the next meeting and asked if they would like to change the date or cancel. The board decided to cancel meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Member Levine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Sessa.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned 7:20 P.M.

Next meeting is Monday, December 22, 2014 TIME at 6:00 pm